

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Serial Number: 08/640,738

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For: ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE MOLDED ARTICLE FOR
ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME

**THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, PETITION,
CERTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Group Director

September 10, 1999

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in a Search Report for a corresponding European Application. One copy of each of these documents is attached, along with a copy of the Search Report.

Petition is hereby made for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, which is being submitted after issuance of either a final official action or a Notice of Allowance, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee.

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A check is attached hereto which covers the \$ 130.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(i)(1). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this Statement to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this authorization are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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